

SUNDAY, August 25, 2024

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Services Online

Click [here](#) to go to Covenant's Facebook page (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Then click on the "Videos" section and watch for the live video to show shortly before 10:00 AM. You can also watch a recorded version of the service after it is over.

Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday, Pastor Joel will be preaching from the [lectionary](#) Psalm. We won't celebrate communion this morning, but we will gather at the Table this evening at our Vespers service instead. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening This Week

Our Sunday evening gatherings at 6:00 PM typically follow the pattern of Vespers, or Evening Prayer, in which we spend time in prayer, praise, silence, and meditation, using prayers and litanies from the *Book of Common Prayer*. This evening we will also celebrate communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Courier

The September Courier is in your mailbox and can be found on our [website](#).

Mark your Calendars!

Here are a few dates to note on your calendars:

- The first day of Sunday school for 1st–12th grade is Sunday **September 8**.
- The annual Pork 'N Bands event will take place at the Fruited Plain on Saturday, **September 14**. Watch for more details about how you can help in the coming weeks.
- The Sunday School kickoff picnic will be on Sunday, **September 15** at the Children's Park Shelter House.

Women's Book Study

The Women's Book Study group will be reading and discussing the book, "Help is Here" by Max Lucado. They will be meeting at 9:00 AM on **September 12**.

Taming Gaming Class

In the [August Courier](#), there was an invitation to join an adult education class called "Taming Gaming: How to use Gaming to Strengthen Faith and Relationships in our Families" led by Brad Hickey. If you're interested in this opportunity, please contact Brad (brad.hickey@dordt.edu) as soon as possible!

Serving our Little Ones

Are you interested in serving our young Covenant family members by being a teacher in our Children's Worship program? If so, contact Cheri Horstman (mchorst@mtcnet.net or 712-441-4562)!

Cadet Counselors Needed

The Cadets program is looking for more counselors again this year. Counselors help with a Bible lesson and various crafts. If you would like volunteer or have questions, please contact Jeff De Boer (fbcadets@gmail.com or 712-441-6249).

Dordt International Friendship Family Program

The Dordt Office of Global Education wants to invite local church members to participate in our International Friendship Family Program. Families can sign up to host one or more international students. We are hoping that this program serves both the international students and families well. For international students, the program provides an opportunity for them to get off campus, build new relationships, be invited to an American home, and engage in the local community. Families can take this as an opportunity to learn and embrace different cultures and get to know students and their stories. For more information, contact David Lee (David.Lee@dordt.edu or 722-6273)

Keys to Dementia Prevention Class

Sioux Center Health and Community Health Partners of Sioux County are hosting a Keys to Dementia Prevention class. This program is designed for people ages 50+ with no previous dementia diagnosis. Learn the 10 lifestyle factors that are proven to prevent or delay dementia. The class will begin **September 9**, running every Monday from 9:30-11:30 AM until **November 11** at Crown Pointe – The Gathering Place. During the 10-class program, enjoy brain healthy snacks, educational materials, and one-on-one time with subject-matter experts. Contact CHP to register (712-737-2971 or angela.loutsch@siouxcountychnp.org). There is a \$40 fee per participant, but \$20 will be refunded to any registrant that completes 8+ classes. Registration deadline is **September 4**.

Dordt Faculty Organ Recital Postponed

The faculty organ recital by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, originally scheduled for **August 31** has been postponed. A new date will be forthcoming soon.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$2,960.00

Christian Education Fund: \$930.00

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by leaving your offering in the boxes located at the entrances, mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, all cash/checks will be used as needed unless designated. Contact your deacon with any questions.

Helpful Links:

- The Bulletin Announcements and a link to Sunday's bulletin and liturgy are posted [here](#).
- The Community Activities (Blue) Sheet is posted [here](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: The Groenewold-Van Dyks' latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). An update from Pastor Gianni Gracia in Miami is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's August prayer requests are [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, September 1
Greeters	AM: Faby A, Tom C, Lila S	AM: Marcy H, Mark MC, Sherri TN
Ushers	AM: Duane B, Pat C, Laurey Z	AM: Paul C, Sharon D, Trena VW
Coffee	Ruth Cla, Isabel C, Rachel L, Dave S, Sharon V	Wil A, Joan MC, Stan VB, Marty VP, Dani W
Subs	Jenni B, Mark H, Deb H, Rock MC, Len R, Marcia W	Sarah H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Dennis VP, Kris VP, Jake VW
Valet Parking	Kurt V	Tricia K
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ James R	Jeff P ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Ethan & Donna B, James & Courtney R	AM: Nick & Jenni B, Tricia K

Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

Gianni & Georgina Gracia
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Connor Visscher, Molly Stiemsma, Elise Stiemsma, Dave Schelhaas, Melissa Bailey, Jason Vande Brake, Andrea Dieleman, Joya Schreurs

Happy Anniversary this Week

Len & Lee Rhoda

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 25th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers with Communion
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Sunday, 1st	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers